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PARTIES HOLD CONVENTIONS

Democrats and Republicans Select Delegates to Their State Conventions

In accordance with a call issued by Chairman J. S. Livingston of the Democratic county central committee for a mass convention of the Democrats of the county, to be held in this city on Saturday, July 24, to choose eight delegates to the state convention, to be held in Lincoln tomorrow (Tuesday) July 27, quite a large number of Democrats representing a number of the precincts of the county gathered at the council chamber. The meeting was remarkable for the harmony which existed and the optimistic feeling which prevailed.

It was called to order by Chairman Livingston, and D. C. Morgan was made temporary secretary, the temporary organization being made permanent. Speeches were indulged in by several of the members present, including H. L. Oldham of Murray and W. F. Gillespie of Mynard. All the speakers gave enthusiastic talks upon the bright outlook for the party in this county this fall, and especially for the prospects for the election of the county ticket, which all considered almost a sure thing. Dr. Livingston also addressed the meeting and roused great enthusiasm by his optimistic remarks and his statement of a belief that victory this fall was practically assured even now.

The work of choosing delegates to the state convention was quickly disposed of and the following named gentlemen were elected by acclamation: L. F. Langhorst of Elmwood, S. O. Pittman of Murray, M. A. Bates of Plattsmouth, W. E. Palling of Greenwood, M. G. Kime of Nehawka, W. F. Gillespie of Mynard, C. E. Metzger of Cedar Creek and Dr. J. S. Livingston of Plattsmouth. Each one of the gentlemen signified his intention of attending the meeting at Lincoln.

On motion, it was voted that the present county central committee be elected to hold over for one more year, which insures the retention of Dr. Livingston as chairman.

It was also moved and seconded that the chairman and secretary of the county central committee be empowered to fill any vacancies which might occur on the state delegation. The delegates present at the state convention were also empowered to cast the full vote of the county.

The convention adjourned after a session of about one hour full of confidence and enthusiasm over the prospects for the coming campaign.

Republican Convention.

The Republican county conven-

tion, held last Saturday at Weeping Water, was an enthusiastic and quite well attended convention. There was a much better attendance than had been anticipated and nearly all precincts in the county were represented. There was the usual slate making before the convention and considerable skirmishing for delegates to the state convention, to meet at Lincoln tomorrow (Tuesday) July 27.

The honor of presiding at the convention was bestowed upon ex-Governor George L. Sheldon, just back from Mississippi, and he made a felicitous and happy speech upon taking the chair. Henry A. Schneider of this city was unanimously chosen chairman. A number of speeches were made by various delegates, all speaking in an optimistic vein over prospects for success this fall.

The convention got down to business and chose the sixteen delegates without delay. ex-Congressman Pollard being the dominating figure in the convention. Those chosen as delegates are ex-Governor Sheldon, who is elected delegate at large; ex-Congressman Pollard, J. M. Gardner, D. T. Talcott, C. D. Clapp, William Wollen, Emil Palmer, H. G. Wellensiek, J. O. Ward, Dan Lynn, W. E. Dull, M. M. Butler, W. H. Pool, George Stoner, R. B. Windham, R. O. Watters, Byron Clark.

No resolutions were adopted nor was any action taken in regard to a county central committee.

Henry A. Schneider was re-elected state central committeeman unanimously.

The convention adjourned after a session. It is current report that the delegation may present the name of former Governor Sheldon as chairman of the state convention, but nothing is known definitely as to this. There is also a possibility that former Congressman Pollard may be named for this position.

Those attending the convention from this city profess to have been delighted with the attendance and the highly encouraging reports which were given in from the county precincts and seem to really believe they will save part of their county ticket this fall. They admit, however, that several of their candidates are already as good as defeated, but they hope to pull through enough to leave a nucleus for a new organization next year. Most of the delegates got back Saturday evening, having made the trip on the M. P. The delegates who used the automobile returned later.

Clarence Admitted to Bail.

In the supreme court yesterday the application of John C. Clarence for admission to bail pending the appeal of his case to the supreme court, came up for hearing. Byron Clark, attorney for Clarence, was present and made the argument to have the court fix the amount of the bond and admit the defendant to bail. County Attorney Ramsey was present and argued in opposition to the motion. The arguments were quite extensive and the question was thoroughly threshed out.

At the conclusion of the hearing and after deliberation, the supreme court decided to sustain the application and fixed Clarence's bond at the sum of \$15,000, this being the sum which the lower court had fixed when he was out pending trial. This bond will have to be approved by Clerk Robertson of the district court when Clarence will be released from jail where he has been confined since his sentence and permitted to return home pending the hearing of his appeal.

George W. Harshman, veteran Democrat of Avoca, and Mrs. C. Royal of the same place, came in last evening to attend to business matters here. Mr. Harshman met many of his old friends in this city, all of whom were more than pleased to find him looking so well and hearty.

Back From California.

Thaddeus S. Clifford, the representative of B. P. O. E. lodge No. 739 of this city to the grand lodge at Los Angeles, Cal., returned to the city yesterday morning. Mr. Clifford reports that the grand lodge was the largest and best ever held held by the Elks, delegations from remote parts of the country attending and a grand total of upwards of 40,000 visiting Elks being present in the city. The sessions of the grand lodge were of unusual interest, and much work for the good of the order was transacted. As has been stated heretofore, Mr. Clifford was an enthusiastic Sammis man, and labored hard for his election as grand exalted ruler. He describes the scene when the election of Sammis was announced as a great one, and he took quite a part in the demonstration himself. He thinks Los Angeles an ideal convention city, and describes the arrangements made for the entertainment of the visiting delegates as being the best possible. There were entertainments for every day and night some where in the city or its vicinity. The greatest thing he saw was the chariot races at Pasadena. Thoroughbred horses harnessed to chariots, four abreast, tore about a race track in real thrilling races. A burro race on the same order also furnished much amusement.

Barbecues and many other sports, including a marathon race, were given also, and each event had its cheering thousands as spectators. Mr. Clifford took a ride in the celebrated glass bottom boats across the ocean to Santa Catalina Island, and described the trip as a remarkable one. Looking through the glass bottom of the boat he could see fish swimming about in the water fifty feet below the boat, everything being clear and distinct. When the boat passed over water 200 feet in depth only the rocks and pebbles on the bottom were visible, the change being quite noticeable. Santa Catalina Island he regards as a wonderfully beautiful spot and well worth a trip across the continent to see.

Los Angeles is described as a handsome, modern up-to-date city with towering, lofty buildings and a world of business on every hand. He visited many of the suburbs, including Long Beach, where so many of former Plattsmouth people reside. This is described as a handsome suburb of residences. It is totally dry, something quite unusual on the coast, as the smaller suburbs and the big city are decidedly wet.

While at Long Beach he met many former Plattsmouth people, including H. J. and Arthur Helps, who showed him the city and treated him to the best in the land with genuine California hospitality, also Mrs. M. Waybright, Captain Bennett, Walter L. Thomas and family and others too numerous to mention. Mr. Clifford's brother Thomas and his family reside in Los Angeles, and he made his stop with them. Naturally they were pleased to have him stop and urged him to stay longer. He found them quite well and left them the same way.

On his way home, Mr. Clifford made a short stop in San Francisco, but was glad to get away. He found people walking about the streets clothed in ulsters and the ladies wearing furs. The climate was cold and raw and he did not tarry long, spending but a few hours there. He describes the trip to California as being exceedingly dreary and lonesome across Utah, the Salt Lake line running over the desert from Salt Lake and through the famous Death Valley. Coming back he came over the Union Pacific from San Francisco and was better satisfied with the trip. Taking the trip as a whole he was highly delighted with it.

Had a Family Reunion.

Mrs. Frank Jensen of Newman Grove, Neb., who has been visiting in the city for several weeks past, the guest of her parents, L. B. Batton and wife, departed this morning for her home. Her sister, Miss Jennie Batton, accompanies her for a visit. Miss Nora Batton also accompanied her as far as Omaha, where she will spend the day. Mrs. C. W. Grassman and family of Alliance, a sister of Mrs. Jensen, have been visiting at Mr. Batton's, making quite a family reunion. Mrs. Grassman expects to return to her home some time the latter part of the week. She has not been having very good health for some time past, and made the trip here hoping for improvement, but without much success.

Death of Jacob Stenner.

DIED—Stenner, Jacob S., at his home in Plattsmouth, Neb., on July 24, 1909, aged 46 years 7 months and 2 days, of heart trouble. Funeral on Monday, July 26, 1909, at 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. Luther Moore officiating. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery. After a lingering illness, Jacob S. Stenner, on Saturday night last, passed into the great beyond. At the time of his demise all his children were present with the exception of one—a son Jesse—being in the navy and stationed in far off Vladivostok, Russia, and unable to get here. Mr. Stenner's death had been expected for some time, the nature of his illness rendering it almost certain that relief could not be given him and that the end was inevitable. In his passing there goes a fond husband, a loving and kind father and a good friend and neighbor. Well known throughout this community, Mr. Stenner was the proud possessor of a host of friends who share with the sorrowing widow and children their grief. From those who had known him in his lifetime comes only the kindest of words and a full meed of praise for the many noble acts which had endeared him to all.

Deceased was born in Germany on December 22, 1862, and, therefore, was in the prime of life when stricken down. At the early age of 5 years he came to America with his parents, who settled in Iowa, where they lived for a short time. Later they removed to Indianola, Neb., where the young man grew into manhood and where, with the exception of a very brief period, he had lived until his removal to this city some five years ago. It was while living in Indianola that he met and won Miss Inez Cowles, they being married in the year 1885 at McCook, Neb. To this union there was born eight children, all of whom, as stated above with one exception, were in this city and present when the final summons came. These children are Misses Gertrude, Myra and Aleta, daughters, and Messrs. Jesse, Ernest, Clarence, Leon and Joseph, sons.

In addition there is surviving four brothers, of whom three are in the city for the funeral, and who reside in Omaha, and four sisters, one of whom resides at North Platte, and who is now in this city. During his lifetime, Mr. Stenner was an earnest and consistent Christian, having embraced the Christian faith some twelve years since and was a faithful member of that church. In addition he was a member of the Modern Woodmen, this being the only lodge of which he was connected.

The funeral of this most estimable citizen will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Christian church, Rev. Luther Moore conducting the services, and interment being at Oak Hill cemetery.

Married Her, Anyway.

Charles Amick, one of our citizens for years and an employe of the clay pits on the north side of the river, went to Papillion Monday to secure a marriage license to wed Miss Shanklin of Sarpy county, but met with opposition from the girl's parents. A dispatch from Papillion tells fully of the difficulty which the couple encountered: "Sheriff Spearman halted Charles Amick, aged 35, and Miss Shanklin, aged 19, on a telephone message from the young woman's father to the effect that the paper were eloping. Tom Shanklin, father of the young woman, who, with all parties concerned, reside near the clay pits on the Platte north of Louisville, followed the message with a hurried drive to the county seat.

As the girl was of age and the man was still older, the only question which the elder Shanklin wanted solved was the eligibility of the groom to a marriage ceremony with his daughter, as it was ascertained the groom had been divorced but two months ago. After a grand palaver the couple was allowed to depart for Iowa, where a wedding is expected to follow."

The couple have since been married and returned to Louisville, and the Courier wishes them a long and happy married life.—Louisville Courier.

James A. Walker and wife of Murray were in the city today, coming from their home to look after some business matters.

Cass County W. C. T. U. Convention.

The Cass county convention of the W. C. T. U. was held in the Christian church Wednesday, July 21. The president, Mrs. L. A. Moore, conducted the meeting and opened the session by reading the 146th Psalm, which was followed by prayer by Mrs. A. A. Randall and singing by the audience, "Lead, Kindly Light." Roll call and greeting of welcome by Mrs. J. E. Vandercreek, which was responded to by Mrs. Belle Miles of Louisville. Letters from the absent secretary and president were read by Mrs. George Dodge, secretary pro tem. Mrs. Moore read a very beautiful poem urging the members to wear the white ribbon badge on all occasions. Encouraging reports were read by Mrs. Miles of the Louisville union. The report of the Nehawka union was read by Mrs. O. A. Kirkpatrick of the promising condition of Nehawka union. Report of the Plattsmouth union read by the secretary, Mrs. J. E. Vandercreek. The Louisville L. T. L. was read by the superintendent of that department. Mrs. A. H. Kneee presented her report on her department—mercy and relief—and Mrs. Vandercreek read her report on prison work, and the encouraging and successful results among the prisoners in the jail and would report more in the afternoon session from a legal point of view concerning a new jail, so much needed in Cass county.

Mrs. Moore then introduced Miss Oldham with a suggestion that we induce her to assist by coaching the aspirants in the next medal contest.

Mrs. Covell was asked to lead in the noon-tide prayer. Adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

The afternoon session was opened by the president, led in prayer by Rev. L. Moore and by singing "Rock of Ages."

Reports of county superintendents were continued.

Mothers' Meetings' Literature—Mrs. Stribling, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Ollie Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. M. Hall.

The Rev. Randall exhibited a chart, painted by himself, illustrating the evil contained in a glass of wine. Mrs. Judge Beeson gave a dramatic and thrilling reading, "Pledge Me In Wine," which brought tears to the eyes of many.

Mrs. Grace Morgan sang a solo with her usual good voice and ease, and grace of manner.

The address of Rev. Moore on what women can do for temperance was just such a forcible and practical talk as was expected of him.

The president asked the local presidents to state what was their greatest difficulty in promoting temperance? Their several answers were, the indifference of the people.

Mrs. Vandercreek was again called upon to give her additional report obtained since the morning session of a county judge as to our best mode of procedure towards the building of a new jail. Action deferred to some future time.

The convention as a whole gave a standing vote of thanks to our retiring president for the very able manner in which she has conducted the county work, and our gratitude for her untiring efforts toward promoting the cause of temperance. While gracefully acknowledging our compliments our local secretary for her successful work among the prisoners at the jail, Mrs. Vandercreek said she could only claim half of the praise, the larger half being due to her very able assistant, Mrs. C. P. Richards.

Mrs. Covell gave us a talk in the interest of the national convention to take place in October at Omaha. The convention then proceeded to elect officers for the coming year, as follows:

President, Mrs. Belle Miles of Louisville.

Vice president, Mrs. George Dodge of Plattsmouth.

Secretary, Mrs. Harmon, Avoca.

Treasurer, Mrs. Ollie Kirkpatrick, Nehawka.

The president's hour was occupied by Mrs. L. A. Moore in giving many useful and encouraging words for the coming year. Owing to the extreme warm weather the business was rushed through in one day. We wish to make especial mention of the helpful services of Master Stuart Randall in decorating the churches with flags and flowers, and in administering to our comfort for the entire day. The evening session at the M. E. church was of much interest to those concerned, and closed the convention of the W. C. T. U. SECRETARY.

Knows How It's Done.

Mayor Burrell yesterday threw light upon a dark subject in the local railroad employment situation. He declared the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads and farmers through out this section are apparently in league to steal all the good workmen they can get from the Northwestern railroad. He cited the instance of one of the two railroads getting a foreman and eight carpenters from the Northwestern last week, and declared it was a common occurrence for men to mysteriously drift away from the Northwestern payrolls and become enlisted on those of the other railroads or of farmers.

It has been observed, he said, that frequently a stranger will apply for work declaring he has had experience on other roads, and upon being employed will work for several days and then disappear with half dozen other men. The explanation was, according to the mayor, that these strangers were the agents from other roads sent to pick out the best men from the Northwestern and lure them away at a bigger salary.

The farmers, it is said, pay visits to the outlying junctions and choose their men in the same way, being able to offer \$3 a day to them.—Fremont Herald.

Making Great Progress.

The committee having in charge the raising of the funds for the fall festival report great success so far as they have gone. They have found practically every one in town united and enthusiastic over the proposed week of festivities, the only exception being the saloon keepers who have made a vigorous roar about contributing, as they claim the 8 o'clock law has practically wrecked their business, and they do not care to build it up by contributing to the carnival. Outside of this no kick of importance has been registered, and it is believed that they will contribute when they see the advantages of the five big days to them. The unanimity of the merchants and business men on the subject is a gratifying feature of the affair to the committee, and they are sure they will raise all the required sum and be able to make the week the biggest and best ever given in southeast Nebraska, or, in fact, in the state outside of Omaha and Lincoln, and give the latter point a run for the money.

Death of Willie Moore.

Willie Moore, or Gardner as he is better known, died this morning at 7:30 a. m. from tetanus. The young man had been a sufferer for some time from the dread complaint and little home had been entertained of his recovery, although every possible precaution was taken to insure it. The tetanus anti-toxin was administered, but the malady had taken too firm a hold on him and death ensued.

Deceased was a son of Mrs. Walker of this city and was 17 years of age. He had been a resident of this city for some time past and had a great many friends who will hear of his untimely death with the deepest regret. Besides his mother and stepfather he is survived by a brother, Jesse Moore, and a stepbrother, Albert Gardner.

Farmers Take the Plattsmouth Telephone.

The farmers living southeast of Plattsmouth, who have been holding meetings to consider the advisability of building their own lines, met at the farm of Hans Kemp last Saturday night and voted to take the Plattsmouth telephone.

The Plattsmouth Telephone company completed the lines yesterday and installed telephones for Hans Kemp, August Beins, Peter Mumm and Charles Miller, and will immediately build to a number of other farmers in that vicinity.

The Plattsmouth Telephone company is also installing telephones on the farms of Henry Stander, John Albert, Adam Fornhoff, G. G. Meisinger, Dovey & Lincoln, west of town.

Mr. Heisel's Condition.

Very little change is reported today in the condition of Mr. C. Heisel. He is holding his own quite well and making a brave fight against his disease. The many friends of this aged and highly respected citizen are indulging in the hope that he may continue to improve and eventually be among the once more.

Carload of Heating Plants.

Preparations for winter are much in evidence around the hardware establishment of John Bauer. Yesterday this enterprising firm unloaded a carload of hot water heating plants, all of which are sold already and which John Bauer, Jr., will proceed to install. They are what is known as the American Radiator company's Ideal plant, several of which are installed in this city now, and which, have given the utmost satisfaction. The plants were contracted for by Charles C. Parmele for his palatial residence on North Sixth street, the Bank of Cass County for its building at the corner of Fourth and Main streets, Falter & Thierolf, the clothiers, for their store building on Main street; L. J. Marquardt, the enterprising merchant of Avoca, and Martin Zaar, one of South Bend's most enterprising citizens. The firm of Bauer & Son have been making strenuous efforts to get a good, big share of the heating plant business in this county and the above indicates that they are meeting with success. The plants they install are fine ones and strictly up-to-date and workmanship they put into them is also of the very highest order. It might be remarked that unloading these plants yesterday caused John Bauer a lot of good, hard work.

John W. Spence of Eight Mile Grove precinct is in the city today looking after business matters.